



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#23-0537

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: July 5, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Accepting a Grant from Florida Department of Agriculture and
Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service Division in the amount of
\$25,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute any and all
Agreements and Documents Necessary and Incidental thereto –
(Commission District 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a Resolution accepting a grant in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services ("FDACS"), Florida Forest Service Division ("Florida Forest Service"), a recipient of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Division ("US Forest Service") Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all agreements and documents necessary and incidental to managing the grant.

Background

The U.S. Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program has allocated funds to qualified state agencies and their territories to increase and maintain healthy urban tree canopies, green spaces, access to nature, and otherwise enhance urban community forests. The City of Fort Lauderdale is an eligible subrecipient of the FDACS Florida Forest Service's initiative to increase and protect existing tree canopies in developed areas.

The City's total project cost is estimated at Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000). The Urban and Community Forestry Grant will cover fifty percent (50%) of the City's total project cost in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and the City must commit to contribute fifty percent (50%) matching funds. The \$25,000 grant funds awarded to the City will be used to purchase and install trees to improve the tree canopy at Riverland Woods Park and the City's 50% matching obligation will be calculated at a combined value of mulch materials/supplies and in-kind labor services for the general maintenance of the tree canopy at Riverland Woods Park.

Prior to receiving the \$25,000 grant funds, the City must execute and return the Federal Financial Assistance Subrecipient Agreement to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services within thirty (30) days of receiving the form agreement from FDACS.

Resource Impact

This action will result in a positive impact to the City in the amount of \$25,000 with a City Match of \$25,000, which will be appropriated to the accounts below contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM 23-0341.

Grant

Source:

Funds available as of June 7, 2023

Revenue

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER / ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-572-331-702-23GBUFFER	Urban & Community Forestry	Intergovernmental Revenue/ U.S. Dept of Agriculture	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$25,000

Use:

Expense

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER / ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-572-30-3913-23GBUFFER	Urban & Community Forestry	Services/Materials - Horticultural Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$25,000

Source: (Cash Match)

Cash Match

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6034-572-30-3913	General Parks Maintenance	Services/Materials - Horticultural Supplies	\$8,572,607	\$3,316,406	\$25,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$25,000

Use:

Expense

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-572-30-3913-23GBUFFERA	Urban & Community Forestry	Services/Materials - Horticultural Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$25,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Here*.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Approved Grant Pre-application Form

Exhibit 2 – Grant Contract Agreement

Exhibit 3 – Grant Award Letter

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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